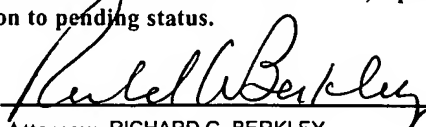


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<b>BAKER BOTTS LLP</b> TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35.U.S.C. 371		EXPRESS MAIL LABEL No. EF377397961US	DATE 14 DECEMBER 2001
		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. A34885 PCT USA	
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. <b>10/018115</b>	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/NL00/00411	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 14 JUNE 2000	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 14 JUNE 1999	
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>PLANT SUPPORT AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SUCH PLANT SUPPORT</b>			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>HENRICUS WILHELMUS THEODORUS JANSSEN</b>			
<p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated /Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(I).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19<sup>th</sup> month from the earliest claimed priority date.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210)             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> <p>Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409)</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>ALSO:          Form PCT/IPEA/416          International Published application with amended sheets          including 18 PAGES SPECIFICATION, 3 SHEETS OF CLAIMS, 7 SHEETS DRAWINGS</p>			

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17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:  <b>Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5):</b>  Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) Nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO (1.492(a)(3)) \$1,040  International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO (1.492(a)(5)) \$890.00  International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO (1.492(a)(2)) \$740.00  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) (1.492(a)(1)) \$710.00  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$100.00  <div style="text-align: right;"><b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT = \$ 890</b></div>				CALCULATIONS <small>PTOUSE ONLY</small>	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. 1.492(e)).				\$	
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	\$	
Total Claims	26 -20=	6	X \$ 18.00	\$ 108	
Independent Claims	4 -3=	1	X \$ 84.00	\$ 84	
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$280.00	\$ 280	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				<b>\$ 1,362</b>	
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable.				\$	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				<b>\$ 1,362</b>	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$	
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				<b>\$ 1,362</b>	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				<b>\$ 1,362</b>	
				Amt. refunded	\$
				charged	\$
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ 1362 to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-4377 in amount of \$ to cover the above fees. A copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4377. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
<b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
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